

What are some signs of a Communication Disorder?

- Difficulty talking, listening and socializing with others.
- Difficulty being understood, mispronunciation of sounds or words, or unable to put words into sentences.
- Difficulty following directions or instructions, answering questions or understanding stories.
- Stuttering and/or repeating sounds, words or phrases.
- Reluctance to communicate.
- Frustration when attempting to communicate.

What should I do if I am concerned about my child's speech or language?

- Trust your instincts – you know your child.
- Talk to your doctor or the classroom teacher.
- Request speech and language services for your child.
- Join the Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders.

OAFCCD Organization

- OAFCCD advocates for a full continuum of publicly funded speech and language services for children provided by qualified professionals.
- OAFCCD is a recognized stakeholder and participates in government consultations.
- OAFCCD has volunteers who represent local families on school board **Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC)**.
- OAFCCD is a non-profit organization with a volunteer Board of Directors.

OAFCCD Mission

OAFCCD works with families and partners to ensure children have access to speech and language services. Our goals are:

- Increase public awareness regarding the need and benefit of services.
- Provide support and information to families.
- Work with community partners to enhance speech and language services.
- Advocate with government and provincial organizations for adequate public funding of speech and language services.

Membership is open to all who have an interest in communication disorders.

To join or donate to OAFCCD, complete this form and mail to:

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933 Alice Street
Woodstock, Ontario,
N4S 2J9

Name: _____

Mailing Address:

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Parent: ____ **Professional:** ____

Designation and Organization:

Donation: _____

**Please enclose a \$25.00
Membership Fee with your
application.**

(Fees may be waived on request.)

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OAFCCD VISION

All children will have access to a continuum of speech and language services to support their successful participation at home, in school and in the community.

OAFCCD Resources

OAFCCD has a number of resources for parents and families including:

- A website, www.oafccd.com
- Newsletters – Distributed by e-mail at least three times per year
- A DVD, “**The Power of Parents.**” Parents share stories and provide tips on how to work effectively with Speech-Language Pathologists and Teachers. Featured are the achievements of three students: Quinn, Stephanie and Croft.
- A handbook, “**A Parent Guide to Supporting Success at School - Helping Students with Speech and Language Impairments.**” Full of tips to empower parents, the guide covers transition to school, the school years and transitioning to post-secondary education or employment.
- For more information and support contact Alison Morse at (519) 290-1763 or by e-mail at alison.morse@outlook.com

What is the importance of communication?

Effective communication is fundamental to all aspects of human functioning. One out of every ten Canadians has a communication disorder.

A communication disorder is a persistent difficulty in the understanding and/or use of spoken or written language.

Communication Disorders can be divided into four areas: Language, Articulation, Voice, and Stuttering.

Early detection, identification and treatment of communication disorders is essential.

Speech and language services are available and can make a difference. Trust your instincts and get help.

Ontario Association for Families of Children with Communication Disorders



Communication Disorders

What is OAFCCD?

OAFCCD is a network of parents, caregivers and Speech-Language Pathologists who work with families and individuals to provide support and ensure children and youth have access to Speech and Language Services.

Website at:
www.oafccd.com